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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS CONSULTATIONS - SUMMARY OF
NOV 5 PLENARY

MESSAGE NUMBER SEVEN

1. MOROKHOV OPENED THE MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. AND ASKED
STOESSEL IF HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE HIS STATEMENT.
2. STOESSEL READ STATEMENT DRAWN FROM STATE 242831
WHICH CONCENTRATED ON NPT ADHERENCE ISSUE AND QUESTION OF
NUCLEAR SUPPLY TO SENSITIVE AREAS, PARA (E) OF OUR
AIDE MEMOIRE. STOESSEL AGAIN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF
EXPORTER'S CONFERENCE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOVIETS
COULD AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THIS CONCEPT PRIOR TO OUR
RECESS.
3. MOROKHOV THANKED STOESSEL FOR THE CLARIFYING REMARKS
AND FOR EXPLAINING US VIEW ON PROPOSED EXPORTER'S
CONFERENCE BUT DID NOT PURSUE NPT ADHERENCE ISSUE. HE
STRESSED THAT IN SOVIET VIEW PRESENT TALKS WERE LINKED
TO BROADER WEAPONS NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME AND
SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT THESE QUESTIONS BE COORDINATED
BY QUOTE--SAME GROUP OF PEOPLE KNOWING ALL ASPECTS OF
NON-PROLIFERATION--END QUOTE. HE REQUESTED A CLEAR US
POSITION ON ABOVE QUESTIONS WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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4. MOROKHOV ILLUSTRATED LINKAGE BETWEEN PRESENT

TALKS AND BROADER NPT ISSUES, I.E. EVEN IF PROPOSED EXPORTER'S CONFERENCE SHOULD COME UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS PROVISIONS WILL NECESSARILY FALL ON IAEA. MOROKHOV THEN EXAMINED IN DETAIL UNSATISFACTORY CONDITIONS IN IAEA SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT WHICH WERE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING FURTHER.

THESE UNSATISFACTORY CONDITIONS IN SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT, HE CONTINUED, COULD BRING TO NAUGHT ALL MUTUAL EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN NPT REGIME. HE STATED THAT IAEA POSTS SHOULD BE FILLED WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES WHO ARE NPT SUPPORTERS AND NOT ITS OPPONENTS, SUCH AS ARGENTINA. TO CORRECT THE SITUATION HE PROPOSED FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- (1) IMPROVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT FOR EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION ACTIVITIES;
- (2) DETERMINATION OF NECESSARY NUMBER OF QUALIFIED STAFF ON LOWER AND UPPER ECHELONS;
- (3) REPLACEMENT OF SOME EMPLOYEES BY MEMBERS FROM NPT ACTIVE STATES;
- (4) PERIODIC REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES BY DEPOSITORY STATES;
- (5) SENIOR STAFF TO PAY MORE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO TRAINING OF INSPECTORS;
- (6) INTENSIFIED WORK ON TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT OF SAFEGUARDS;
- (7) ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS TO DISCUSS PROVISION OF EFFECTIVE CONTROLS;
- (8) DRAW DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ATTENTION TO THE UNSATISFACTORY WORK OF THE SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT AND TO HIS PERSONAL DISINTERESTED ATTITUDE.

5. IN SUMMING UP, MOROKHOV ASKED STOESSEL TO INFORM
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USG OF SOVIET VIEW ON THE ABOVE UNSATISFACTORY CONDITIONS.

6. STOESSEL COMMENTED THAT WE ARE AWARE OF SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS IN THE IAEA AND THAT WE AGREE ON NEED TO STRENGTHEN IAEA AND IMPROVE ITS FUNDING AND STAFF. HE NOTED THAT WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN BROADER RANGE OF ISSUES ON NON-PROLIFERATION WHICH SOVIETS HAVE RAISED AND ANTICIPATE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, BUT THAT WE WERE NOT IN POSITION TO

COMMENT ON TIMING AND VENUES FOR SUCH BILATERALS. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONFERENCE AND NEED FOR EARLY DECISION AND REQUESTED THAT US PROPOSAL BE REPORTED TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT. (MOROKHOV HAD INDICATED EARLIER IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION THAT THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE.)

7. MOROKHOV RESPONDED HE WOULD REPORT ON OUR IDEA AND OUR ATTITUDE ON SOVIET APPROACH. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS SHOULD BE OUR LAST MEETING PRIOR TO RECESS SINCE NECESSARY DECISIONS BY BOTH SIDES WOULD TAKE SOME TIME. STRESSED USEFULNESS OF CONSULTATIONS AND OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

8. STOESEL AGREED THAT THIS COULD BE OUR LAST MEETING BUT NOTED THAT WE COULD MEET BRIEFLY TOMORROW IF MOROKHOV COULD HAVE DECISION ON CONFERENCE BY THEN.

9. MOROKHOV STATED THAT THIS DECISION WOULD TAKE AT LEAST ONE WEEK BUT ADDED THAT HIS PERSONAL OPINION AND THAT OF HIS COLLEAGUES WAS POSITIVE.

10. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH MARCUM, TIMERBAEV STATED THAT THE SOVIET APPROACH ON BROAD DISCUSSIONS REPRESENTED A STRONG PERSONAL COMMITMENT AND STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF WE COULD ESTABLISH PROCEDURE FOR REGULAR PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS ON NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, OCCASIONALLY INCLUDING THE UK. HE SUGGESTED THAT THESE MIGHT BE AT THE STOESEL-MOROKHOV LEVEL, AND THAT WHEN IMPORTANT ACTIONS WERE IDENTIFIED SUCH AS THE EXPORTER'S CONFERENCE, WE COULD PURSUE THEM ON AN APPROPRIATE MULTILATERAL BASIS. HE OFFERED SEVERAL COMMENTS ON IAEA PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTED THAT ONE APPROACH TO RESOLVE

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CONFLICT BETWEEN DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND HEAD OF SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT WOULD BE TO GIVE EKLUND BOTH JOBS.
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